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TITLE OF INVENTION: PROCEDURE FOR FULLY AUTOMATIC CYLINDER CLEANING IN PRINTING PRESSES  
 HAVING A CENTRAL CONTROL SYSTEM

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EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
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 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.  
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**NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed 9/14/98 and telephone interview 11/4/98.
☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3, 5-20 and 22-25
☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto ~~or to Paper No.~~ \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

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Attachment(s)

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02 FC:104 Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance



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It is noted that applicant incorrectly numbered Claims 21-24. Accordingly, the examiner has renumbered claims 21-24 as 22-25 respectively to comply with section 608.01 (j) of the MPEP and henceforth the claims will be referred to only as renumbered.

This applicant contains a Multiple Dependent Claim for which the fee has not been paid. The Multiple Dependent Claim Fee has been charged to Deposit Account 19-3935 as agreed by Mr. Mark J. Henry in a telephone conversation on November 4, 1998.

#### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

*In the Specification:*

On page 1, the following has been inserted before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE

aut. INVENTION", - This application is a Continuation of application 08/340,376, <sup>Filed Nov. 14, 1994</sup> now abandoned. -

*In claim 23:*

Line 1, "21" has been replaced with --22--.

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The change serves to correctly identify the parent claim of claim 23.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Upon reconsideration in view of applicant's argument including the argument filed after Final Rejection of the parent case and especially in view of reconsideration of pages 6-8 of applicant's specification which specifically enumerates the various parameters of the optimal wash sequence it has been concluded that the Iijima reference does not render obvious the claimed invention for the reason that in Iijima the wash sequence varies only in response to the manual selection of one of two positions of a manual switch. The wash sequence is always the same as long as the position of the manual switch is not changed. In the presently claimed method a plurality of parameters, as described on pages 6-8 of the specification are sensed and may influence the washing process. The prior art does not teach establishing an optimal wash sequence for each selected cylinder based on a plurality of parameters as taught and claimed by applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2869. The examiner can normally be reached daily from 9 AM to 5PM. If attempts to reach the examiner

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by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edgar Burr, can be reached on (703) 308-0979. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-2864.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.



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